



# *Cy-Fair Republican Women*

**NEWSLETTER**  
*February 2007*

## *Kay's Kolumn*

Wow. What a January. I hope that everyone weathered the freeze and rain without incident.



Unfortunately, the Greater Houston Council's 'Nut's and Bolts' seminar was cancelled and has been re-scheduled for February 20. There will not be the GHC meeting that morning so the rescheduled event starts with lunch at 11:30 followed by the Seminar from 12:00 to 2:30.

I hope everyone who had planned to attend will be able to make it on the new date, as well as allow those who could not attend in January make the rescheduled event.

We have just about filled out all the club chairmanship positions. I want to thank each and every one who has volunteered their time and energy to Chair a committee. I look forward to working with you as we move forward in 2007.

Meeting the needs of our membership is essential in growing our club. We are looking at ways to do just that.

We are making some changes to our meeting times that we hope will be welcomed by everyone and also evaluating the need for additional changes. The board has considered the fact that the current time for our lunch meetings, 9:30 coffee with the meeting beginning at 10:00, does not allow our members sufficient time to go into the office before the meeting so they lose the entire morning. So, the board has voted to push the time back by one hour to allow members to get some things done in the morning before the meeting and then if they can stay for lunch, fine, if not they can get on back to their office (or otherwise busy day) having taken only an "extended" lunch break.

**So our new "day" meeting times will be as follows: Coffee 10:30, Meeting/Speaker 11:00-12:00 followed by lunch.** We hope that these changes will help make it possible for more working ladies to make our meetings as well as making better use of their time for all of our members.

We are also considering the need to continue the evening meetings on alternating months. Our attendance in the evening meetings is not what we had anticipated. Further, we do not know just how many of those in attendance at the evening meetings would also be available in the day. It was originally felt that alternating months between evening and day meetings would give working ladies an opportunity to attend when they otherwise could not. However, it seems that those who work during the day have family obligations during the evening and not as many as we thought are able to make the evening meetings after all.

So, we are looking at this situation to see if we need to make a change to holding only "day" meetings. Especially, now that we have adjusted our day-time meeting times to make the event more work-time friendly. Therefore, we have included in this newsletter a survey to find out the availability and preference for day vs. evening meetings.

Please let us know how a change would affect you. Your participation in our club is valuable and your opinion is needed. We want your input so that we can make a decision this is right for our entire membership.

Please complete the enclosed survey and get it back to us either at the February General meeting, or emailing it back, or sending it back via snail mail... I look forward to reading your input.

.... Later, Kay



## FEBRUARY MEETING



### TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13

**Time:** 6:45 pm Coffee/Social - 7:15 pm Meeting/Speaker

**Place:** at the home of Mary Moss, 14102 Blazey Dr.  
(in Hearthstone off Jackrabbit Road between West  
Road and FM 529)

#### RSVP:

Krista Steele: 281-246-4894

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No later than Monday, February 12

#### **GUEST SPEAKER VICTORIA MILLER**

Currently the Austin Director of Field Operations  
for Congressman Michael McCaul

Victoria Miller has over fifteen years of experience in developing and implementing grassroots plan for City Counsel, County Attorney, State Representative seats and Congressional races. She has directed day to day activities for outreach including door to door canvassing and volunteer recruitment and maintained responsibility for the distribution of signs, grassroots events including planning and scheduling, the walk program including targeting of precincts. She is also an advisor to candidates and campaign managers on all aspects of the campaign's grassroots program including policy stances as they related to the many different communities and small towns within the district. She has made presentations on behalf of the candidate to the public for fundraising and education of voters on the candidate's policy stances and has been repeatedly recognized and awarded for her motivational speaking abilities.

Ms. Miller is currently the Austin Director of Field Operations for Congressman McCaul. Prior to her position on the McCaul Team, Ms Miller worked for the Office of the Attorney General, GPM Gas Corporation (Phillips Petroleum), Resolution Trust Corporation, and the United States Bankruptcy Court. Please join us for an interesting discussion on getting geared up for grassroots campaigning for the next Presidential elections. Ms. Miller will also be discussing Congressman McCaul's position on the recent investigation of the Ramos and Campeon case.



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## MINUTES

### CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING January 9, 2007

President Kay Waghorne called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. at Hearthstone Country Club. Alice McDill gave the invocation. Following the pledges, a guest was introduced. Thirteen members and the guest speaker were in attendance as well.

Mary Moss introduced the speaker, Cheryl Salyard Ed. D., Assistant to CFISD Superintendent, Dr. David Anthony. Handouts were made available to attendees. Dr. Salyard spoke on several topics including the composition of CFISD, comparisons to other school districts, the 2007-2008 school calendar, school elections having been moved to November, and school taxes. A question and answer period followed her very informative presentation.

The minutes of the November 13, 2006 general meeting were approved as printed.

Kay made the following announcements:

- Greater Houston Council of the Texas Federated Women will present a “Nuts and Bolts” Leadership Workshop on Tues., January 16, 2007 at the Compass Bank building on Kirby at San Felipe. The meeting begins at 9:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. Seminars are scheduled from noon to 2:00 p.m. There is no charge. Car pools can be arranged.
- Legislative Day, “The Redcoats Are Coming”, will be held on March 1, 2007, at the Austin Convention Center in Austin, Texas. All are asked to wear red. A morning visit with Legislators will be held at the Capitol. A luncheon with guest speakers begins at noon followed by afternoon workshops. The cost is \$60 and the registration deadline is January 20, 2007. Contact Kay for more information. Stephanie DeHondt is in charge of a “child-theme” basket to be donated to the silent auction to benefit TFRW.

Mary Moss, Ways and Means Chair, reported that the next style show fundraiser will be held in the fall of 2007 on a weekday. It was suggested that the club’s fundraiser be held every other year in non-election years. Committee volunteers are needed, so please contact Mary. Other fundraisers include the children’s books by Peter Barnes and the possibility of a club cookbook.

Newsletter Chair, Rita Parrish, announced that the deadline for newsletter articles is two (2) weeks prior to general meetings.

Dawn Shull, Treasurer, reminded members to pay their annual dues.

Julie Sweidel, Campaign Activities Chair, is coordinating volunteer activities for members.

Kay announced that Jan Ott had graciously accepted the position of Awards Chair.

Legislative Chair, Millie Alford, encouraged members to attend Legislative Day in Austin, Texas on March 1, 2007.

Magnetic nametags are \$15 and available by contacting Dawn Fobbs, Membership Chair.

Krista Steele graciously accepted the position of Hospitality Chair for the current year.

The Board is currently asking members whether they prefer day/night meetings or daytime-only meetings. A suggestion to change the meeting time to 11 a.m. was also presented. The Board will present these ideas at the next general meeting. After reviewing all concerns a decision will be made.

The Hospitality Chair circulated a sign-up sheet for homes in which to hold meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch.

Respectfully submitted  
Betty Guthrie  
CFRW: Secretary



**CFRW UPCOMING DATES  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Feb 13..... CFRW-Meeting - 6:45 PM

Feb 20.....Greater Houston Council Meeting  
Nuts 'N' Bolts Workshop

March 1.....Legislative Day in Austin

March 13.....CFRW-Meeting - 10:30 AM



**NEWS AND NOTES**



**Legislative Report**

February 2007-Millie Alford

**SESSION NUMBER** - 80th

**SESSION TYPE** - Regular Session

**BEGINNING DATE** - January 9, 2007

**ENDING DATE** - May 28, 2007

The Guide to Legislative Information (GTLI) <http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/gtli/home.html>



**NEWS AND NOTES**



**Campaign Activities:**

The Nuts 'n Bolts Seminar has been rescheduled for Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> with a later starting time of 11:30 am. Perhaps some of you who were unable to attend the January event will be able to attend in February. Complete details about the seminar can be found on the CFRW website: [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net). Time spent at this and all Federation Seminars, Conventions and workshops will be added to our club's volunteer hours. Let this workshop be the beginning of your New Year's Resolution to get involved and make a difference!



**Membership:**

It's always a good time to bring a guest (potential member) to our meetings. We hope that they will enjoy the friendship, community service and information that our club provides.

**PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:**

Verna Hagen....Krista Steele....  
and Joan Sugawa

The purpose of the GTLI website is to help legislators, other state officials and employees, and interested citizens in researching the work of past legislatures and in tracking the work of the current legislature.

**Legislative Process**—describes the legislative process in Texas and includes information about processing a bill, the different types of resolutions, and diagrams of the legislative process.

**Legislative Information**—includes information about computer applications and websites; documents, publications, and recordings; legislative information service providers; and a locator table for quick access to legislative information.

**Glossary**—features an A-to-Z listing of legislative terms.

**Sessions and Years**—chronicles the beginning and ending dates of previous legislative regular and special sessions.

**Dates of Interest**—lists important dates in the legislative calendar.

Note: In the body of each page, links to external web resources appear in blue and links to other pages in the GTLI website appear in orange.

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**Legislative Report (cont'd)** ~The following was a news release regarding Immigration Issues.

## RIDDLE BRINGS IMMIGRATION FIGHT TO NATIONAL AIRWAVES

For Immediate Release, Tuesday, January 23, 2007

**AUSTIN** - State Representative Debbie Riddle continued her efforts Monday to repeal a Texas law which allows illegal immigrants to receive discounted tuition at state universities with an appearance on CNN's Lou Dobbs Tonight.

"We have got hardworking Texans, hardworking folks here in Texas that are playing by the rules, abiding by the law." Riddle told Tonight's Bill Tucker. "It is their tax money that is helping pay for the college education for folks that, quite frankly, should not even be here in Texas, should not even be here in the United States because they're illegal."

Texas was the first state to enact the policy in 2001. Nine other states have since enacted similar legislation.

"It all comes down to this: either our immigration laws matter or they don't," Riddle said. "I think that they should matter, and I don't think you should get a discount on your tuition as a reward for breaking the law, most especially if that reward is being paid for by the taxpayers who are breaking the bank to send their own kids to college."

Riddle's HB 104 would amend current statute to stipulate that only legal residents are eligible for in-state tuition. The bill will be expected to be debated during the state's legislative session, which began on Jan 9 and will continue until the end of May. Contact: Jon English (512) 463-0572.

**~The following is the final installment of terms used in our legislative process. I hope that you have enjoyed learning and reviewing them as much as I have.**

<http://www.tlc.state.tx.us/gtli/glossary/glossaryv.html>

**RESOLUTION**—A formal expression of opinion or decision, other than a proposed law, that may be offered for approval to one or both houses of the legislature by a member of the house or senate.

**SECOND READING**—See [READING](#).

**SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**—The chief administrative officer of the senate, responsible for the day-to-day operations of the senate and its departments.

**SENATE**—The upper house of the Texas Legislature, consisting of 31 members elected from districts of roughly equal population, one-half of whom are elected every two years for four-year terms.

**SENATE AGENDA**—The document prepared daily for the senators and the public that contains the following information: (1) the Intent Calendar; (2) a list of senate bills returned from the house with amendments; (3) the status of bills in conference committee; (4) the Local and Uncontested Calendar; (5) gubernatorial appointments reported favorably from the Committee on Nominations and awaiting confirmation by the senate; (6) committee hearings scheduled, with a list of measures to be considered by the committees; (7) the regular order of business, listing bills that have been reported favorably from committee; (8) miscellaneous announcements; (9) senate floor action from the previous day; (10) senate committee action from the previous day; and (11) morning call items of business.

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS**—An officer of the house or senate charged with maintaining order and carrying out the directives of the presiding officers and the members. (cont'd)





**Legislative Report (cont'd)**

**SESSION**—The period during which the legislature meets. There are two types of sessions. The regular session convenes every two years and may last no more than 140 days. A called session, commonly referred to as a special session, is so designated because it must be called by the governor. A called or special session may last no more than 30 days.

**SINE DIE**—Literally, “without day.” The term is used to signify the final adjournment of a session of a legislative body. The body adjourns sine die when it adjourns without appointing a day on which to appear or assemble again.

**SIMPLE RESOLUTION**—The type of legislative measure that is considered only within the chamber in which it is filed. It can offer a commendation, a memorial, a statement of congratulations, a welcome, or another statement of legislative sentiment.

**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**—The presiding officer of the house of representatives elected from and by the membership of the house at the beginning of each regular session.

**SPECIAL SESSION**—See **SESSION**.

**SPONSOR**—The legislator who guides the bill through the legislative process after the bill has passed the originating chamber. The sponsor must be a member of the opposite chamber of the one in which the bill was filed.

**STANDING COMMITTEE**—A committee created in the rules of either house that meets during the legislative session or an interim to consider and report on measures referred or tasks assigned to it by the respective presiding officers.

**SUBCOMMITTEE**—A group of committee members, appointed by the chair of a committee of the house or the senate, to which proposed legislation is referred or a specific task is assigned.

**SUPPLEMENTAL HOUSE CALENDAR**—The primary agenda followed by the house during its deliberations. It is prepared by the House Committee on Calendars and is required to be distributed two hours before the house convenes. The Supplemental House Calendar contains: (1) measures passed to third reading on the previous day; (2) measures on the Daily House Calendar for a previous day that were not reached for consideration; (3) measures on the Daily House Calendar for the current day; and (4) postponed business from a previous day.

**THIRD READING**—See [READING](#)

**VETO**—The rejection of an enrolled bill by the governor.

**VOICE VOTE**—A vote during which the presiding officer will request the members who are voting in favor of a measure or motion to respond collectively by saying “aye” and those who are voting against the measure or motion to respond collectively by saying “nay.”

**WORK SESSION**—A meeting of a house committee or subcommittee during which the members may only discuss measures or matters before the committee or subcommittee. Public testimony cannot be heard and formal action cannot be taken during a work session.





## Ways and Means

Since the CFRW began in June of 2005, we have been busy with many charitable and civic minded endeavors. We have purchased enough dictionaries to give to the entire 3rd grade class at Walker Elementary in the Cy-Fair ISD, we gave over \$3000 in campaign contributions to several of our Republican state and local candidates, we donated books to the Cy-Fair Community College Library for the Mamie Eisenhower Library Project, \$100 to the Laura Bush Foundation, and we made contributions to the various TFRW/NFRW funds as follows: \$20 to the Marion Martin Building Endowment Fund, \$25 to the TFRW Scholarship Fund, \$25 to the National Pathfinder Scholarship Fund, \$35 to the Dorothy Kabis Internship Fund, and \$50 to the Betty Rendel Scholarship Fund.

All of this has been very admirable, but in order to continue to make these contributions to our community, we have to do some fund raising. Here is what we have on the works for 2007:

### High Tea and High Heels - Fall 2007

We are beginning to make plans for our major fund raising event of the year - **our Second High Tea and High Heels Fashion Show and Luncheon** - and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

In order to make our second event even more successful than the first we need help on the following committees:

- Venue/Menu - help locate the place for the event and choose the menu
- Fashion Show - help select the vendor(s) that will supply the clothes and accessories
- Silent Auction/Vendor tables - round up and set up the Silent Auction items and Vendor tables
- Decorations - think up/create table decorations, etc.
- Publicity - get the word out
- Printing - design the invitations, fliers, etc.

If you can help out in any capacity - either large or small - please contact me, Mary Moss, 281-550-9415 or [moss311@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moss311@sbcglobal.net). More people on the committee means we can spread the work out so that it is not a big problem for just a few.

### Peter Barnes - children's books - \$18 each - 5 different titles available

We still have several of these cleverly illustrated children's books that explain how our American government works - from the president to the congress to the supreme court. These are great gifts for children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, school teachers, or even gifts in your name to local schools or libraries.

### Coming up - CFRW Cook Book

We are going to start collecting and assembling recipes from our membership, friends, families, elected officials and anyone else we can think of. If you have any suggestions or would like to help, let me know, **Mary Moss - 281-550-9415 - [moss311@sbcglobal.net](mailto:moss311@sbcglobal.net)**

That's it for this time.

Mary



Affiliations:  
National Federation of Republican Women  
Texas Federation of Republican Women  
Greater Houston Council of Federated Republican Women

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**Important links:**

<http://www.CFRW.net> - Cy-Fair Republican Women

<http://thomas.loc.gov/> - Texts of bills are updated several times a day.

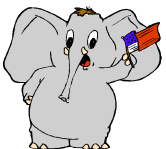
<http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/> - Updates on what is going on in the Texas legislature.

<http://www.texaspolicy.com/> - The Texas Public Policy Foundation produces academically sound research on important issues.

<http://www.ghcrwpac.org> – Greater Houston Council

<http://www.tfrw.org> – Texas Federation of Republican Women

<http://www.sos.state.tx.us> - Texas Secretary of State web site offers more information on proposed constitutional amendments.







# Cy-Fair Republican Women

## MEMBER SURVEY

The Board would like to poll our membership to determine the availability and preferences for our meeting times. We are considering changing our meetings to day-time meetings only, rather than alternating monthly between day-time and evening meetings. Before we do this, however, we would like to have your input.

Please indicate your availability **and** preferences for attendance at the CFRW General Meetings.

**My Availability to attend meetings is:**

I would only be able to attend if the meetings were in the morning/lunch

I would only be able to attend if the meetings were in the evenings

I would be able to attend either morning/lunch or evenings

**My Preference for our meetings is:**

I can do either, but I prefer morning/lunch meetings

I can do either, but I prefer evenings

I can do either and I have no preference

Member Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this survey and return it to Kay Waghorne by **February 13** (our next General Meeting).

You may turn it in when you come to the meeting.

You may Mail it to Kay Waghorne 14106 Blazey Drive Houston, TX 77095

Or you may email it to [Kwaghorne@msn.com](mailto:Kwaghorne@msn.com)